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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

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With reference to the Office Action dated September 13, 2001
please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A method for forming water-soluble silver ion releasing glass fibres, the method comprising providing a composition suitable for producing a water-soluble silver ion releasing glass having a dissolution rate of at least $0.01\text{mg}/\text{cm}^2/\text{hour}$ wherein the glass former comprises phosphorous pentoxide, and heating said composition above the melting point of said glass to 750 to 1050°C to form a molten glass, cooling at least a portion of said molten glass to a holding temperature then allowing said glass to cool to a preselected working temperature of 400 to 900°C and then processing said molten glass having said working temperature into fibres.

Please delete Claim 6.